

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow, the Examiner is respectfully urged to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. §101, because the claims allegedly do not set forth any method steps.

In order to overcome the rejection, the claims have been amended to clearly recite method steps.

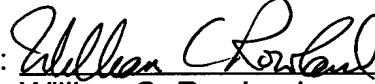
Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully urged to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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